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## **Ted Gong Named a Distinguished Frederick Douglass 200 Honoree**

San Francisco, October 20, 2018 – Ted Gong, National Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) vice president for Civic and Public Affairs and the current president of C.A.C.A. Washington, D.C. chapter has been named to the Frederick Douglass 200. The Frederick Douglass 200 (FD200) is a project to honor the impact of 200 living individuals who best embody the work and spirit of the celebrated American abolitionist and statesman whose influence extended into politics, feminism, writing, education, entrepreneurship and diplomacy.

This year is the bicentennial celebration of the birth of Frederick Douglass who was born in February 1818. After escaping slavery at the age of 20, Mr. Douglass went on to become one of 19<sup>th</sup>-century America's most prominent campaigners against slavery and was renowned for his oratory and writing skills. In 1872, he became the first African American nominated for Vice President of the United States on the Equal Rights Party ticket.

The FD200 project has been curated and compiled by the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives and the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University in Washington, D.C. The U.S. edition of the British daily newspaper *The Guardian* has partnered with FD200 project to publish this list. Each week beginning July through November, the publication will announce a list of 10 new people who have joined the FD200. All awardees will be honored at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. on Mr. Douglass' next birthday, February 14, 2019.

Ted Gong joins FD200's list of Diplomats, who are acknowledged for "thriving in delicate and divisive situations, often inspiring those most depleted of inspiration." Among the recent "Diplomat" honorees are Michelle Obama, Harry Belafonte, LeBron James and George and Amal Clooney.

In addition to his C.A.C.A. leadership roles, Mr. Gong serves as executive director of the 1882 Project Foundation whose aims are teaching the historical and continued signification of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. The organization is devoted to civil rights issues and immigration reform for Asian Pacific Americans. Until 2012, Mr. Gong was a foreign service diplomat in the U.S. Department of State. During his service he worked on migration, refugee and border issues primarily in East Asia.

To view the current list of Frederick Douglass 200 awardees, visit [www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/ng-interactive/2018/jul/05/the-frederick-douglass-200](http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/ng-interactive/2018/jul/05/the-frederick-douglass-200)



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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, and supports youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.